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Our check in the amount of \$520.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event that any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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Responsive to the notification dated November 16, 2000, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f), Applicant submits herewith a Rule 63 Declaration.

The required fee for filing the Declaration is submitted herewith.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
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